EDITORIAL NEWS

HOW ABOUT JOE SMITH?

In just a few weeks now the platform writers of the political parties will be at work.

They will have a "plank" calling for balanced budgets and cutting the national debt. They will have another aimed at attracting the vote of the farmers. And one for the labor unions. And one for the veterans. There will be one on foreign aid. And so: a plank held out as bait to appeal to pressure groups.

How about Joe Smith — the ordinary taxpaying citizen? Anybody got him in mind

Americans Increase Debt

Americans increased their total debt by a record of sixty-six and one-half billion dollars in 1959, the United States Commerce Department recently reported.

Part of this increase is in public debt, or government borrowing; however, some twenty-four billion dollars of it was added to consumer instalment credit. This is a heavy rise in instalment credit, although the population is increasing, and the total earnings of the nation are increasing, and it is hard to draw any specific conclusion.

It can be noted, however, that business corporations added more than that to their total debt, and most of this money was intended to finance heavy buying of materials, purchases of equipment, expansion, etc.,—which indicates they expect good business in the future.

Most of the public borrowing, in the form of state and local governments, and other public spenders, was for the financing of public works and public buildings, and amounted to only about five billion dollars. Interestingly, the Federal government borrowed about as much money in 1959 as it did in 1958, although the budget situation was greatly improved.

All in all, our debt increased by a record of sixty-six and one-half billion dollars, and this is in line with the trend in recent years. The experts differ very much on how much Americans should owe, collectively. The trend in recent years has been toward the financing of everything, and this trend will be with us, it seems, for many years in the future.

The only criterion to be accurately worked out is one's own limit, which depends upon the individual's own circumstances, or the family's total income.

One should never become so heavily involved, financially, that he has virtually every dollar of his income earmarked for payments or living expenses. There should be something left for an emergency, or for a bad turn of events.

An American Plague

One of the unbelievable things about our great country is that we continue to allow the slaughter of a hundred citizens a day on our highways and city streets. There is nothing that can be written about this cancer in our American life that will change the situation overnight.

There is little to be written which has not already been covered more eloquently before — by someone else. Nevertheless, those charged with the responsibility of writing editorials for the nation's press cannot see the continuing carnage on the highways, year after year, with a stilled and quiet typewriter.

What is to be done about this endless killing, which is as deadly as any war? Does America care?

No one answer can be offered as a solution. Personally, we think one possible solution to all crime, is for courts, and especially JURIES, to be more severe with offenders. A continuation of the epidemic of lawlessness, crime, corruption, and of soft-pedaling on enforcement and punishment, will go down the dead-end street of the moral character of a great nation.

Twenty nations meet to form an economic agency.

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RELIEF FOR CHILE

Severe earthquakes which devastated a large part of the country of Chile in South America on May 22, more powerful than the 1906 quake which wrecked San Francisco—left more than a million people hungry, homeless and cold. Victims need aid and they need it now. President Eisenhower has urged our people to come to their aid, "with the great generosity so characteristic of them."

The American Red Cross is heading this major relief effort.

The public is asked to make an immediate emergency contribution to the local Red Cross Chapter for this purpose. The contribution may be mailed or left at either of the local banks.

Cute young things have an attraction all their own— which they understand at an early eage.

It would be easier to rush into a war with the over six hundred million Chinese than to rush out of it.

You can usually measure a person's intelligence by how insistent he is to convince you that he knows his stuff.

The person who is always looking out for your rights either has nothing to do, or he is playing you for a sap.

The highest achievement of man is to think through distorted situations and arrive at the truth.

There are people who discuss problems maturely, and there are also people who converse all day without saying a significant word.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station supply the answers.)

Q. How much nitrogen will a good crop of crimson clover add to the soil if it is turned under?

A. Two tons of clover turned under will add about 80 pounds of nitrogen to the soil.

Q. After spraying pastures with 2,4-D is it necessary to take animals off If so, for how long?

A. Yes, take them off for at least two weeks.

Q. Should I spray alfalfa after the first cutting?

A. The stubble can be sprayed if the weevil is still a problem.

Q. I sprayed the first cutting of alfalfa, but weevils are on the second crop. What should I do?

A. You may have used too little spray and failed to cover the foliage thoroughly. Spray again, and be sure the spray nozzle will deliver at least 20 gallons of spray per acre per application.

Q. What should I use to kill poison ivy?

A. Near gardens or close to plants susceptible to 2,4-D, use either amino triazole or ammonium sulfamate. Where susceptible plants are not a problem, you can use 2,4-D, 2-4, 5-T mixture sold as a brush killer.

Q. What is the outlook for lamb prices?

A. Prices will probably continue in the $24 to $26 range until early July, then begin the seasonal decline.

Q. Why do crops often grow slowly on soil from which trees have been bulldozed?

A. Usually because of a lack of nitrogen. Bacteria which thrive in the presence of decaying wood compete with the plants for the available nitrogen. The obvious answer is to apply additional nitrogen.

Q. Which is the best to seed for supplementary pasture—sudan grass or commercial pearl millet

A. There is little difference in yield. It is a matter of personal preference. Gahi-I millet is a high-yielding newcomer. You might like to try it.

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The Two Ways

Lesson for June 12, 1960

THE NOTION that you can find out what is right by seeing how many people do it, is not an idea you can find in the Bible. If what the majority of people do makes anything right, then you are really deciding right and wrong by voting on it. The truth is, the majority of people are wrong at least as often as they are right. Jesus believed that in his day, at any rate, the majority was on the wrong road. There are two ways or roads through this world, he said, one is broad and the other narrow. One is easy to find, the other you cannot find so easily. What is more, the broad road is popular and the narrow road is not. But the real question to ask about any road is: Where does it go? Where shall I land if I follow it?

Dr. Foreman

To life or to destruction?

Life and destruction are opposites. You would think any one could see that. But to judge from the way many people act, it is plain that they think the same road leads both to destruction and to life. Many a man walks the broad road with plenty of company, knowing (or at least having heard) that the road ends in destruction. But he thinks Life is a wayside stop. Indeed he rather pities the poor fools that took the narrow rocky road to life, when it is so much pleasanter to take the broad road. The truth is, on the contrary, that you can't reach Life by the road that goes to Destruction. You have to choose.

Discipline

Why is it that the road to life is sparsely traveled and the road to destruction crowded? It isn't that people prefer destruction. It's the road that attracts them. Let's look at one attractive feature (that is to say, one that does attract unthinking travelers) of the broad highway. It is like the broad concrete highways that cross our nation. Wider and faster roads are being built all the time; but the accident rate keeps going up. One reason why the broad road is preferred is that you don't need to use your brakes on it very often. There are no stop-lights on a throughway for most of its distance. But forgetting about brakes has its dangers. There used to be a stretch of road in North Carolina, about equally divided between a pretty straight shoot through low hills, and a very crooked steep climb up the Blue Ridge. For years on end there was not a fatal accident on the narrow, steep and crooked part of the road, but many accidents on the straight stretch to the east. Going up the mountain or down, drivers were careful. But once down, they would let the brakes go and zoom off—many of them to early death. So it is for persons or for nations: life without brakes goes swiftly to destruction. And the name for the brake we have to apply to ourselves is called Discipline.

As important as steering

There are three things a car must have, at the very least. It must have power to move, it must have a steering mechanism that works, and it must have brakes so that the driver can slow down or stop. So it is on the roads of life. The traveler must have power, he must be able to steer, and he must be able to hold himself down. Brakes are every bit as important as carburetor or steering-shaft. So in the life of every man; without discipline he is running just as great a risk as if he had no driving power at all. Discipline means being able to say No to yourself. Discipline means being able to choose what is unpleasant, if it is right. Discipline means loving yourself last. It means, in the first place, choosing a road because it leads to Life and not because it is easy.

No one would venture to say whether today, as in Jesus' day, the wrong road is crowded more than the other. But sometimes one wonders. A nation made up mostly of people who never say No to themselves, a nation made of citizens who always want the most for the least, who translate "I want it" into "I must have it;" is a nation like that going to be better than its people?

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Cuba uses summit as a tool against U. S.

"OVER-SIXTY" FOOD SHOPPERS POTENTIALLY A BIG MARKET

Catering to the increasing numbers of "over-sixty" food shoppers could pay off for the enterprising person who aims a marketing program at that group, believes Don Long, of VPI's agricultural economics department.

The economist points out that today's "over-sixty" shoppers are a potent force in food marketing. In some neighborhoods, they are the dominant force. In most neighborhoods, they make up a sizeable portion of shoppers.

Furthermore, today's "over-sixty" food shopper generally has more money to spend than did yesterday's. Two out of three people over 65 get some income from social security or related government programs. A decade ago, only one in five got income from these sources.

Their income is not generally big enough for them to eat in the lap of luxury. They eat fewer meals away from home. They eat less processed, convenience foods than do, for example, than their 'under-thirty' counterparts. Mixes, potato chips, and canned and frozen foods all show up less often on the shopping lists of the older citizen. There is one exception here. Dried fruits and vegetables are used more by "over-sixty" people than by the "under-thirty."

Many of the older shoppers are unhappy because it seems to them that foods are grown, processed, and packaged and marketed for younger people, Long says. As a result, they have a hard time finding the foods they want.

Steel officials forecast a rise in output.

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